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Thomas J. Bourassa CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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August 31, 2009

Nancy Scott

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Utilities Division

Arizona Corporation Commission

1200 W. Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2927

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Re: Sahuarita Water Company

Application for rate increase - Docket No. W-03718A-09-0359

Dear Ms Scott,

In reference to the Letter of Deficiency dated August 14, 2009, the Company hereby submits responses to Staff's deficiency items as follows:

Item 1 – Schedule H-5 should include bill counts for the annualized bills

Company Response - Schedule H-5 reflects the test year actual number of bills as required. The information for the Company's proposed revenue annualization including the annualized number of bills by meter size and class is included on Schedule C-2, pages 5.1 to 5.10 and summarized on Schedule H-1, page 2. The Company does not believe a revision to the H-5 is required as all information necessary is contained in the Application.

Item 2 - The title on Schedule H-5, page 11, should be changed to "1 Inch Irrigation."

Company Response - Please find the attached revised H-5, page 11.

Item 3 - If the \$15,240 amount shown on Schedule H-1, page 3, line 16, represents actual water usage, a bill count is required as well as rate information. Otherwise, please explain why the amount was included in "Metered Revenues" rather than "Other Water Revenues" in accordance with the NARUC USOA.

Company Response - The \$15,240 is reimbursement of purchased power expense from the Town of Sahuarita for a shared well. This revenue is not metered water revenue. The reimbursements were incorrectly recorded in Metered Water Sales during the test year.

Office: 602-246-7150 Fax: 602-246-1040 tjb114@cox.net If Staff wishes to propose a different treatment, it may do so at its discretion. The Company will evaluate Staff's proposal at the appropriate time.

Item 4 - Total actual operating expense shown on Schedule A-2, line 3, for the years 2008-Actual, 2009-Present Rates, and 2009-Proposed Rates in the amounts of \$1,772,498, \$2,044,524, and \$2,487,149, respectively does not agree to the total actual operating expense shown on Schedule F-1, line 28 for the same years of \$1,697,075, \$1,969,101, and \$2,411,726.

<u>Company Response</u> – Please find the attached revised A-2. See also response to Item 5.

<u>Item 5</u> - Total actual operating expenses in the amount of \$1,697,075 shown on Schedule F-1, page 1, line 28, does not agree to the total actual operating expenses in the amount of \$1,772,498 shown on Schedule C-1, line 28.

<u>Company Response</u> – Please find the attached revised F-1. See also response to Item 4.

<u>Item 6</u> - Net income shown on Schedule A-2, line 13, for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008-Actual in the amounts of \$659,710, \$455,251, and \$420,886, respectively does not agree to the net income shown on Schedule E-2, line 38, for the same years.

<u>Company Response</u> – See response to Item 4.

<u>Item 7</u> - Net income shown on Schedule A-2, line 13, for the year 2008-Actual in the amount of \$420,886 does not agree to the net income shown on Schedule C-1, line 37, of \$539,305 and Schedule F-1, line 37, of \$614,728.

Company Response – See response to Item 5.

<u>Item 8</u> - The \$1,106,732 in CWIP indicated on Schedule A-4, line 6, for the year 2007 (i.e. \$10,056,955 -\$8,950,223 = \$1,106,732) does not agree to the \$1,305,549 in CWIP for the year 2007 shown on line 4 of Schedule E-1

Company Response – Schedule A-4 is correct. The computed difference between the construction expenditures and the amounts placed into service is not necessarily the amount of CWIP per the E-1 schedule. As should be apparent, there are construction expenditures from the prior year which were not placed into service in 2007. For example, for 2006 (line 4 of A-4), there were approximately \$198,816 more construction expenditures than amounts placed into service. If you add the \$198,816 to the \$1,106,732, the result will be \$1,305,549 – which happens to be the amount of CWIP on the E-1 at the end of 2007. The construction expenditures on the A-4 are consistent with the cash flow for construction expenditures on the E-3. The amounts placed into service for each year when added to the prior year end balance result in a match the plant in service balances on the E-1.

<u>Item 9</u> - The \$366,750 in CWIP indicated on Schedule A-4, line 8 for the year 2008 (i.e. \$1,697,583 - \$1,330,833 = \$366,750) does not agree to the \$1,602,002 in CWIP for the year 2008 shown on line 4 of Schedule E-1.

Company Response – Schedule A-4 is correct. Again, as should be apparent, there are construction expenditures from the prior year which were not placed into service in 2008. For example, for 2008 (line 8 of A-4), there were approximately \$366,750 more construction expenditures than amounts placed into service. If you add the \$366,750 to the prior year CWIP balance of \$1,305,548, the result will be \$1,672,298. You will observe on the E-1, that \$70,297 was placed into non-utility plant. The difference is \$1,602,002 (rounded) – which happens to be the amount of CWIP on the E-1 at the end of 2008. The construction expenditures on the A-4 are consistent with the cash flow for construction expenditures on the E-3. The amounts placed into service for each year when added to the prior year end balance result in a match to the plant in service balances on the E-1.

<u>Item 10</u> - Taxes charged to operations shown on Schedule E-8, page 1,does not include "Taxes Other Than Income" whereas Schedule C-1 (line 25) includes "Taxes Other Than Income" in the amount of \$1 1,602. The schedules are not consistent, please correct or explain).

Company Response – The amounts reflected in Taxes Other Than Income consist of permits, fees, business licenses, and sales tax adjustments and are not "taxes" typically reflected on E-8. However, the E-8 has been revised to include those amounts. See attached. Arguably, since these are not technically taxes, they should be recorded in another account. If Staff wishes to re-class these expenses, it may do so at the appropriate time and the Company will consider the Staff proposal.

<u>Item 11</u> - Schedule E-9 does not discuss income tax treatment-normalization or flow through nor does it discuss the interest rate used to charge interest during construction as required by the Administrative Code. Please provide the required information for the financial statements included in the application.

<u>Company Response</u> – Please see the revised E-9.

<u>Item 12</u> - The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Compliance Status Report (CSR) was not submitted with the filing. This CSR needs to be filed in this docket.

Company Response - Please see attached.

If you have any questions, or require further assistance, please contact me at 602-246-7150. In the future, as a professional courtesy, I would appreciate a call before the end of the sufficiency period in order to resolve issues.

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Cc: Marian Homiak, Sahuarita Water Company

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1 2	Gross Revenues	\$	1,751,143	\$	1,986,564	\$	2,187,744	\$	2,215,143	\$	2,215,143	\$	3,377,358
3	Revenue Deductions and		1,130,584		1.529.118		1,772,498		2,044,524		2,044,524		2,487,149
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17													
18	Dividends Per												
19	Common Share		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
20													
21	Payout Ratio		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
22													
23	Return on Average												
24	Invested Capital		7.33%		2.84%		2.24%		0.67%		0.61%		3.20%
25													
26	Return on Year End												
27	Capital		6.31%		2.07%		2.19%		0.67%		0.56%		2.95%
28													
29	Return on Average												
30	Common Equity		29.23%		6.92%		4.41%		1.45%		1.33%		6.75%
31													
32	Return on Year End												
33	Common Equity		27.86%		4.19%		4.22%		1.44%		1.33%		6.56%
34	• •												
35	Times Bond Interest Earned												
36	Before Income Taxes		-		_		106.36				_		_
37	Takes moonie Takes						100.00						_
38	Times Total Interest and												
39	Preferred Dividends Earned												
40	After Income Taxes		_		_		108.81						
41	THO HOUME TAXES		-		-		100.01		-		-		-
42													
43	SUPPORTING SCHEDULES												
44	C-1												
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Sahuarita Water Company, LLC Test Year Ended December 31, 2008 Projected Income Statements - Present & Proposed Rates

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			At Present	Α	t Proposed
			Rates		Rates
		Test Year	Year		Year
Line		Actual	Ended		Ended
No.		Results	12/31/2009	1	2/31/2009
1	Revenues				
2	Metered Water Revenues	\$ 2,030,502	\$ 2,057,901	\$	3,220,116
3	Unmetered Water Revenues	-	-		-
4	Other Water Revenues	 157,242	157,242		157,242
5		\$ 2,187,744	\$ 2,215,143	\$	3,377,358
6	Operating Expenses				
7	Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
8	Purchased Water	118,875	4,256		4,256
9	Purchased Power	141,901	147,364		147,364
10	Fuel for Power Production	-	-		-
11	Chemicals	11,535	11,866		11,866
12	Repairs and Maintenance	75,423	75,423		75,423
13	Materials & Supplies	30,131	30,131		30,131
14	Outside Services	730,103	770,603		770,603
15	Water Testing	8,750	8,750		8,750
16	Rents	13,195	13,195		13,195
17	Transportation Expenses	22,358	22,358		22,358
18	Insurance - General Liability	21,111	21,111		21,111
19	Insurance - Health and Life	-	-		· <u>-</u>
20	Reg. Comm. Exp.	-	-		_
21	Reg. Comm. Exp Rate Case	-	75,000		75,000
22	Miscellaneous Expense	14,724	14,724		14,724
23	Bad Debt Expense	109	109		109
24	Depreciation Expense	503,454	610,853		610,853
25	Taxes Other Than Income	11,602	11,602		11,602
26	Property Taxes	69,226	122,230		122,230
27	Income Tax	-	104,948		547,573
28	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,772,498	\$ 2,044,524	\$	2,487,149
29	Operating Income	\$ 415,246	\$ 170,618	\$	890,209
30	Other Income (Expense)				
31	Interest Income	123,085	-		-
32	Other income	9,544	-		-
33	Interest Expense	(3,904)	-		-
34	Other Expense	(4,666)	-		-
35	Gain/Loss Sale of Fixed Assets	 -	 		- ,
36	Total Other Income (Expense)	\$ 124,059	\$ -	\$	-
37	Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 539,305	\$ 170,618	\$	890,209
38				.,	

Sahuarita Water Company, LLC Test Year Ended December 31, 2008 Taxes Charged to Operations

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			Test		Prior		Prior
			Year		Year		Year
Line			Ended	i	Ended		Ended
No.		12	/31/2008	12	/31/2007	12	/31/2006
1	Description						
2							
3	Federal Income Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
4	State Income Taxes		-		-		-
5	Payroll Taxes		~		-		-
6	Property Taxes		69,226		56,022		45,782
7	Other (permits, fees, licenses)		11,602		-		-
8	Totals	\$	80,828	\$	56,022	\$	45,782
9		***************************************					

Sahuarita Water Company, LLC Test Year Ended December 31, 2008 Notes To Financial Statements

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Company does not conduct independent audits

The Company is a member-owned limited liability company and is a tax pass-through entity. However, the Company is proposing income taxes for rate making purposes.

The Company uses different depreciation rates for tax than for book purposes.

The Company is proposing inclusion of deferred income taxes in rate base for ratemaking purposes

The Company does not record Allowance for Funds used During Construction (AFUDC).

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Drinking Water Monitoring and Protection Unit
Mail Code 5415B-2
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Drinking Water Compliance Status Report

System Name	Sy	stem Type	ls	system consecutive?								
SAHUARITA WC		Community		Yes,								
System ID #		Non-transient Non-community		to PWS#								
10312		Transient Non-community		No								
	57											
Overall compliance status	\boxtimes	No major deficiencies	ᆜ	Major deficiencies								
Monitoring and Reporting status	\boxtimes	No major deficiencies	<u>Ц</u>	Major deficiencies								
Comments: None												
	este de l'											
Operation and Maintenance status		No major deficiencies		Major deficiencies								
Date of last Sanitary Survey 5/31/07		nspector Stephen Dever	eau:	x, SRO								
Major unresolved/ongoing operation and m	naint	enance deficiencies:										
[🏻] unable to maintain 20		[[_]] inadequ										
[[_]] cross connection/back			wat	er treatment rule								
[<u>]</u>] treatment deficiencies	i	[∭] atc/aoc										
[[]] certified operator		[<u></u>] other =										
Commanda, Nama												
Comments: None												
Is an ADEQ administrative order in effect	t?		Ц	Yes 🗵 No								
Comments: None												
	91 (90 to 0)											
	ste	m Information										
Population Served				778								
Service Connections			392	26								
Number of Entry Points to the Distribution S	Syste	em .	2									
Number of Sources			2									
Initial Monitoring Year	, Albay		199	98								
Monitoring Assistance Program (MAP) Sys	tem			Yes 🛛 No								
		OO										
Evaluation completed by Donna Calde												
		onitoring and Protection Unit	*****									
Phone 602-771-464		Date		nuary 12, 2009								
□ Based upon data submitted by the wa												
currently delivering water that meets v		r quality standards required by	40 (CFR 141/Arizona								
Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapte												
☐ Based upon the monitoring and report												
this system is currently delivering water	er th	at meets water quality standard	ds re	equired by 40 CFR								
141/Arizona Administrative Code, Title	e 18,	Chapter 4.										
	Based upon the operation and maintenance deficiencies noted above, ADEQ cannot determine if											
this system is currently delivering water that meets water quality standards required by 40 CFR												
141/Arizona Administrative Code, Title	er th	at meets water quality standard										

This compliance status report does not guarantee the water quality for this system in the future, and does not reflect the status of any other water system owned by this utility company.